Pilferaging/sabotage in petro-product pipelines

1194. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to act tough on pilferage and sabotage of the crude oil/product pipelines by miscreants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a large number of incidents act pilferaging and sabotaging of petroleum pipelines have come to the notice of Government;

(d) if so, the total loss suffered to Governments as a result thereof; and

(e) to what extent the new Act will protect petroleum pipelines in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) and Oil India Limited (OIL) have taken various measures to curb incidents of thefts/sabotage/ pilferages in co-ordination with respective State Governments. However, no proposal for amendment in the existing laws is under consideration.

(c) and (d) The amount of losses suffered due to pilferage, sabotage and damage of crude oil & petroleum product in respect of ONGC and OIL during last three years are as under:

Year	Amount of Losses
2005	69,335 Ltrs.
2006	96,360 Ltrs.
2007	86,625 Ltrs.

In all these cases, First Information Reports (FIRs) were duly lodged with respective Police Stations. In most of the cases the amount lost was recovered and the net losses were negligible.

(e) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Fuel transportation cost in Gujarat

1195. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat is facing injustice in energy costing by incurring higher transportation cost on coal but paying the same transportation charge as hinterland State in case of gas;

(b) whether Government to mitigate the hardships is not feeling that Gujarat State should be allowed the benefit in terms of lower cost for transporting as over shorter distance *vis-a-vis* hinterland States, as per the practice followed for transportation of coal; and

(c) if not, the reaasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) The gas from onshore/isolated fields in Gujarat is supplied through dedicated regional networks or spur lines to customers in the state. In these cases, transmission tariff is computed on the basis of investment in the respective regional networks. As the fields are located in Gujarat, the investment in regional networks for supplying gas to customers in the state would be less in relation to investment in network catering to a number of states and, therefore, the transmission tariff for customers in Gujarat getting gas through regional networks is lower.

In case of trunk lines, *viz.*, Hazira-Vijaipur-Jagdishpur (HVJ) pipeline and Dahej-Vijaipur pipeline (DVPL), a combined single tariff of Rs. 831/MSCM, with escalation formula, is being followed w.e.f. 1-6-2006. However, the tariff for connectivity of Gujarat State Petronet Limited (GSPL) to DVPL has been kept at Rs. 280/MSCM.

Supply of Kerosene oil to Maharashtra

1196. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether quantity of kerosene oil being supplied in Maharashtra is inadequate as a result of which people in several parts of Maharashtra are unable to get kerosene oil;

(b) the details of quantity of kerosene oil supplied to Maharashtra against their demand during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for ensuring that supply of kerosene oil is commensurate with its demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) PDS kerosene is an allocated product. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas makes quarterly allocation of PDS kerosene to States/Union Territories for further distribution under the Public Distribution System (PDS) network. The quantity of PDS SKO for distribution per card holder is decided by concerned State Govt./ UT and the same varies from State to State.

The quantity of PDS SKO allocated to the State Government of Maharashtra during the year 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 are 1276876 Metric Tonnes (MTs) in each year. As per provisional figures available on upliftment of PDS Kerosene in the State of Maharastra during April to December, 2007, the State Government has uplifted 99.5% of PDS SKO. There is no shortage of kerosene reported in the State of Maharashtra. As of 05.03.08, the public sector oil marketing companies had overall Kerosene stocks at their supply locations in the State of Maharashtra which would last for 14 days of supplies.

(c) In accordance with the policy adopted by the Government of India in 2000, SKO allocation for distribution under the PDS was reduced every year beginning 2001-02 till 2003-04, taking into account the number of LPG connections released in each State/Union Territory. There has been no reduction in the PDS SKO to States/UTs after the financial year 2004-05. For the years 2005-06 and 2006-07, allocations have been maintained at the level of